

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Craig D. Johnson	§	Group Art No:	3679
Serial No.:	10/708517	§	Examiner:	A. Dunwoody
Filing Date:	March 9, 2004	§	Confirmation No.:	2516
For:	JOINING TUBULAR MEMBERS	§		

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

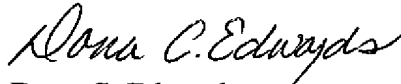
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 27, 2007, the Assignee elects the claims of Group I, Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 16, 18, 22 and 97-100 without traverse.

The Commissioner is authorized to pay any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0457.

Respectfully submitted,



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